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WILDERNESS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEVEN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AREAS

Public hearings on wilderness recommendations for seven national wildlife refuges will be held in coming months, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Specific times, meeting locations, and the areas involved are:

Santee National Wildlife Refuge, S.C. Hearing March 13, 9 a.m., in the Conference Room, Santee State Park Headquarters, off South Carolina Highway No. 6, three miles east of I-95, Santee Exit, Santee, S.C. A study summary containing a map and information on the Santee proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Santee National Wildlife Refuge, Box 158, Summerton, S.C. 29148, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by April 15, 1974.

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge, Fla. Hearing March 19, 9 a.m., at the Volusia County Agricultural Center, six miles east of DeLand, Fla., on State Highway No. 44. A study summary containing a map and information on the Lake Woodruff proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge, Box 488, DeLeon Springs, Fla. 32028, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 17 Executive

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Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by April 18, 1974.

J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Fla. Hearing March 21, 9 a.m., at Sanibel Community House, Sanibel Island, Fla. A study summary containing maps and information on J. N. "Ding" Darling proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Drawer B, Sanibel, Fla. 33957, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by April 22, 1974.

Mattamuskeet, Swanquarter, Pea Island, and Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuges, N.C. Hearing April 2, 10 a.m., at the Courthouse in Swanquarter, N.C. A study summary containing maps and information on Mattamuskeet, Cedar Island, Pea Island, and Swanquarter proposals may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, New Holland, N.C. 27885, the Refuge Manager, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, Box 606, Manteo, N.C. 27954, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by May 2, 1974.

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